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March 30, 2015

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: Docket No. 2015-55-E

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

Pursuant to the Commission's letter order dated February 20, 2015, I have enclosed on behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") a Certification that the Notice of Filing and Hearing and Prefile Testimony Deadlines (the "Notice") in the above-referenced docket has been provided to DEC's retail customers in South Carolina by bill insert on or before April 3, 2015.

I have also enclosed for filing with the Commission the Affidavits of Publications for the Notice that DEC published in the newspapers having general coverage in its service territory.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Castle

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Enclosures

DOCKET NO. 2015-55-E

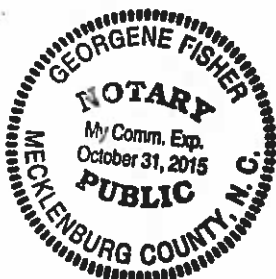
**Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC —
Application to Establish a
Distributed Energy Resource Program**

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, MELISSA L. PORTER, who being first duly sworn, and says that she is a Business Operations Analyst for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; that at [redacted] and under her supervision the Notice of Hearing ("Notice") attached hereto as Exhibit [redacted] incorporated herein has been furnished either by U.S. mail, or by electronic mail to customers [redacted] we agree to receive the Notice by electronic mail, to all applicable customers of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, on or before April 3, 2015.

By: Melissa L. Porter

George C. Fisher

My Commission Expires: October 31, 2015



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Affidavit of Publication

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Before the undersigned, a Notary Public of said County and State, duly authorized to administer oaths affirmations, etc., personally appeared, being duly sworn or affirmed according to law, doth depose and say that he/she is a representative of The Charlotte Observer Publishing Company, a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the State of Delaware, and publishing a newspaper known as The Charlotte Observer in the city of Charlotte, County of Mecklenburg, and State of North Carolina and that as such he/she is familiar with the books, records, files, and business of said Corporation and by reference to the files of said publication, the attached advertisement was inserted. The following is correctly copied from the books and files of the aforesaid Corporation and Publication.

PUBLISHED ON: 03/04/2015

AD SPACE: 621 LINES

FILED ON: 03/05/2015



NAME: Justin M. Dean

TITLE: Acctg Clerk
DATE: 3-5-15

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, the day and year aforesaid.

Notary: [Signature]

My commission Expires: 1/1/16

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Herald-Journal

189 West Main Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306
864-562-7305

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG**

Personally appeared before me, a notary public in and for the State and County
aforesaid, Nancy Hooper, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes
and says that he/she is a Representative of the Spartanburg Herald-Journal, a newspaper
published in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and that the attached Legal ad
was published for 1 time(s) in the following issues:

March 4th, 2015

Nancy Hooper
Signed

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 4th day of March, 2015

Deborah S Brown

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Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires November 5, 2019



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State of South Carolina
County of Anderson

{Affidavit

Personally appeared before me, Georgiana Wise , who being duly sworn, says that she is the Classified Manager of the *Independent-Mail* daily newspaper, published at Anderson, South Carolina a Public Notice for Duke Energy Notice of Filing and Hearing and Prefile Testimony Deadlines Docket No. 2015-55-E that appeared in the issue of March 4, 2015.

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Signed: _____

Georgiana Wise

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 12th day of

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Seal

Patricia A. Gasp

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires 12/31/2023

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4893952PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA CLERK'S OFFICE NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING ANDPREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES DOCKET NO. 2015-55-E Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to Establish a Distributed Energy Resource Program Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC or the Company) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) to implement a Distributed Energy Resource Program (DER Program) to accomplish and further the purposes and goals of the South Carolina Distributed Energy Resource Program Act (Act 236 or the Act). Act 236 which, in part, promotes the establishment of a reliable, efficient, and diversified portfolio of distributed energy resources for the State, permits an electrical utility to apply to the Commission for approval to participate in a DER Program. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-39-130. The Company's portfolio of initiatives is designed to increase the capacity of renewable generation located in its service area from 1,300 kilowatts (kW), as of January 1, 2015, to approximately 84,000 kW by January 1, 2021. In its Application, DEC proposed three, new customer initiatives designed to meet the specific requirements set forth in S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-39-130 (C)(2): the NEM DER Incentive; the Solar Rebate Program; and the Shared Solar Program. Pages 9, 10, and 11 of the Application contain summaries for each of these initiatives. DEC's Projected Incremental DER Costs, as outlined in Table 3 of its Application, is as follows:

TOTAL INCREMENTAL COSTS	
2015	\$2,019,929
2016	\$4,677,824
2017	\$6,406,172
2018	\$8,287,058
2019	\$10,744,188
2020	\$12,929,194

S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-39-150 provides, in part, that the Commission must not approve a DER plan in which the total incremental costs to be incurred by an electrical utility and recovered from the electrical utility's South Carolina retail customer classes exceeds the following annual amounts per number of accounts for costs that are incurred on or after January 1, 2014: residential: \$12; commercial: \$120; and industrial: \$1200. In sum, DEC requests the following relief, in part, from the Commission: Approval of its DER Program as outlined in its Application; approval to recover costs of the DER Program pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Sections 58-27-865, 58-39-140 and 58-39-150 through a fixed monthly incremental per-account charge within the fuel cost component of its base rates; approval of the Company's request to follow deferred accounting with respect to any unrecovered DER incremental costs in excess of per-account annual cost caps, and to recover such costs, with associated carrying costs, in subsequent periods; and

approval for the authority to modify and supplement its DER Program to accomplish and further the goals of Act 236. A copy of the company's application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2015-55-E. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from Charles A. Castle, Esquire, Duke Energy Corporation, 550 South Tryon St./DEC45A, Charlotte, North Carolina 28201-1006 and Frank R. Ellerbe III, Esquire, Robinson McFadden & Moore, P.C., 1901 Main Street, Suite 1200, Columbia, South Carolina 29202. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., and continuing to May 20th and 21st and further continued after these dates, if necessary, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties. Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before April 17, 2015. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. Please refer to Docket No. 2015-55-E and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket. Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before April 17, 2015. Please refer to Docket No. 2015-55-E.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD
(Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenors only): All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all parties of record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Applicant's Direct Testimony Due: 3/17/2015; Other Parties of Record Direct Testimony Due: 4/28/2015; Applicant's Rebuttal Testimony Due: 5/5/2015; and Other Parties of Record Surrebuttal Testimony Due: 5/12/2015. All Pre-filed Testimony Deadlines are subject to the information as posted on www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2015-55-E. For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and Docket No. 2015-55-E. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding MUST present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing. Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedure should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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